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**To:** [Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee](#)  
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To whom it may concern,

I filled out a form objecting to the abortion bill coming up soon.

I strongly object to this bill for several reasons. Life begins at conception and to kill a human is murder.

Punishment for abortion should be the same as premeditated murder.

What part of "Thou shalt not kill" do we not understand. It is very plain to me.

My mother got pregnant with me 70 years ago. Her mother tried to force her to go to backyard abortionist because of the terrible shame that it was at that time. My mother resisted and I honour her because she let me live. I believe I have been an asset to the society in which I live. I have been a teacher, wife, my mother and grandmother. I have rescued about 300 Chinese orphans over the last 21 years and I am still doing that in my old age. None of that would've happened if I had been killed before I was born. Please give more people a chance to live in. If a child is unwanted, it should be allowed to be born and placed in the arms of childless couples who crave to be parents. That is the answer for unwanted pregnancies. If this life is in danger, I am sure medical science can prevent her death. The answer is not to murder her child.

Thank you,

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I am willing to appear before any tribunal or meeting in Brisbane regarding this bill.

Sent from my iPad